

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

State of the Parish - FY July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

As stewards we have a responsibility first and foremost to God, to our families, to our Parish, and to the people in our midst. We have the added call to give of ourselves, to be selfless, to use the gifts God has given us to help others less fortunate than ourselves and as Catholics to support and further the mission of the Catholic Church, to build the Kingdom of God. You have proven this true here at St. Veronica.



It is that time again when the parish provides an accounting to you, our generous stewards, stakeholders and benefactors of St Veronica Church. The Stewardship Report that follows will account to you how we, the clergy, staff, councils, and trustees have been good stewards the gifts of time, talent, and treasure you have given to St Veronica. This Stewardship accounting will demonstrate that the *Elements of Stewardship* are alive, well and flourishing at St Veronica. You are the hands and feet of Jesus, giving of yourselves sacrificially. You have a good understanding of Stewardship's three components: Time, Talent and Treasure and have given them freely in more ways than can be documented fully on these pages.

## ***Elements of Stewardship***

- ⇒ Leadership
- ⇒ Prayer
- ⇒ Formation
- ⇒ Welcome/Community
- ⇒ Talents
- ⇒ Ministry
- ⇒ Outreach
- ⇒ Commitment

**Time** - This reporting reflects our prayerful moments together as a community and privately as individuals, the time you willing gave to God over the last year building and strengthening your relationship with Him and in doing so strengthening your relationship with others. Time reflects your grateful & giving hearts in thanksgiving for all you have been given.

**Talent** - Each one of us is gifted by God physical talents or natural endowments that we are to use for God's work in the world. This is our personal mission, *to love and serve the Lord* (giving of our Time and Talent). How very evident that reality is here at St Veronica, your physical presence each week at Mass, participation and service in ministries, committees, events and outreach opportunities and community building events has made St Veronica shine as a beacon of hope and love for the Lord.

**Treasure** - Through the weekly offertory and other collections, food & item drives, various fundraising endeavors and outreach initiatives, you have generously shared the monetary gifts you have received in support of those in need, for your parish community and the various monthly diocesan appeals.

This Stewardship Report is more than a revenue and expense accounting. It is an outpouring of your Love on paper. How grateful we are for you, your sacrificial giving and for the Church we all love so much!

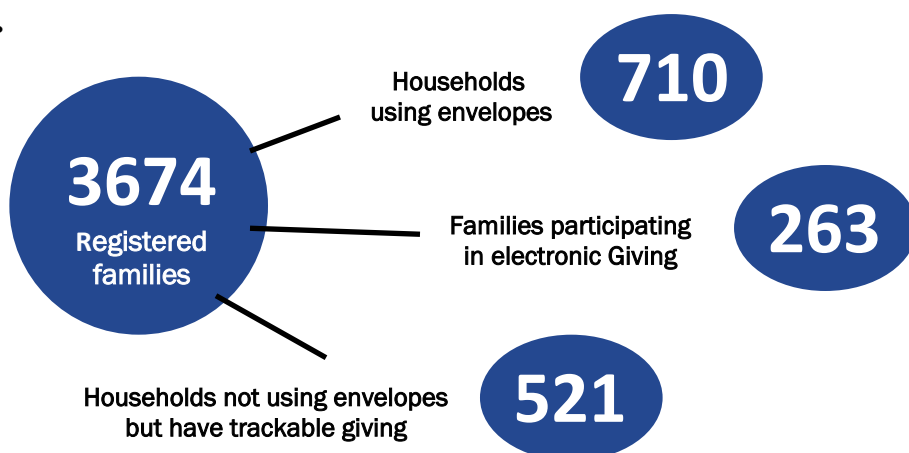
May God continue to bless you!

Your sister in Christ,  
Linda Dickinson-Pancila, Business Manager

## ***Parish Statistics...***

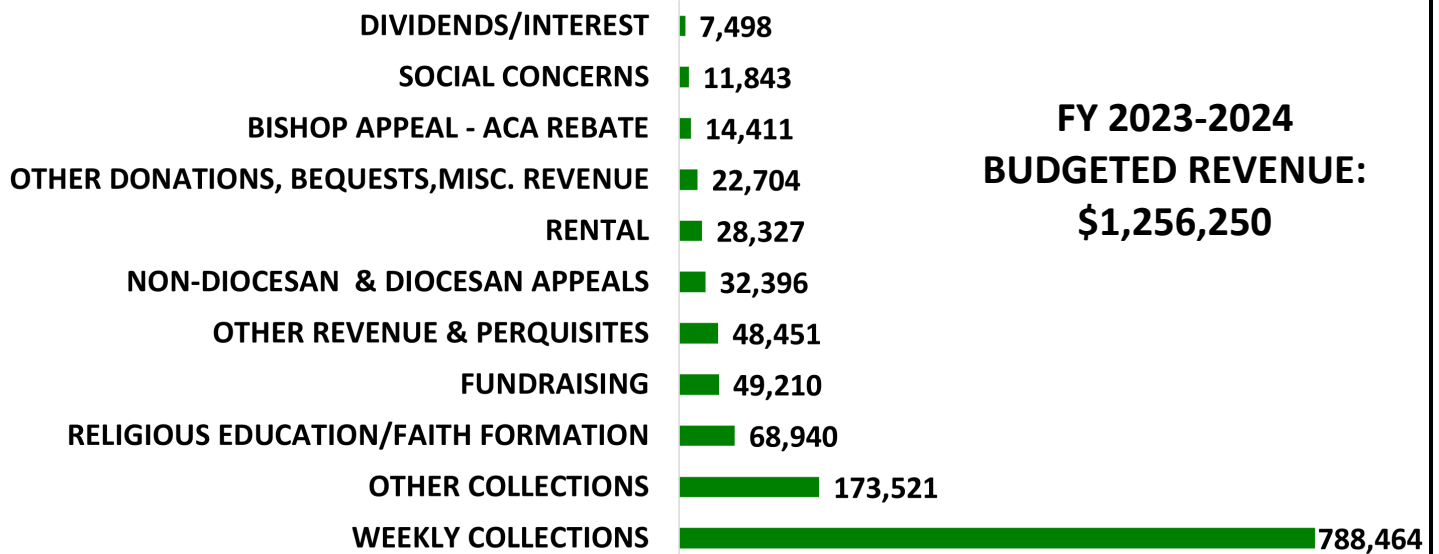
Givers = 1,494 households  
Non-givers = 2,180 households

1,402 ACTIVE  
Parishioner Households  
+  
92 families listed as  
CONTRIBUTOR or VISITOR

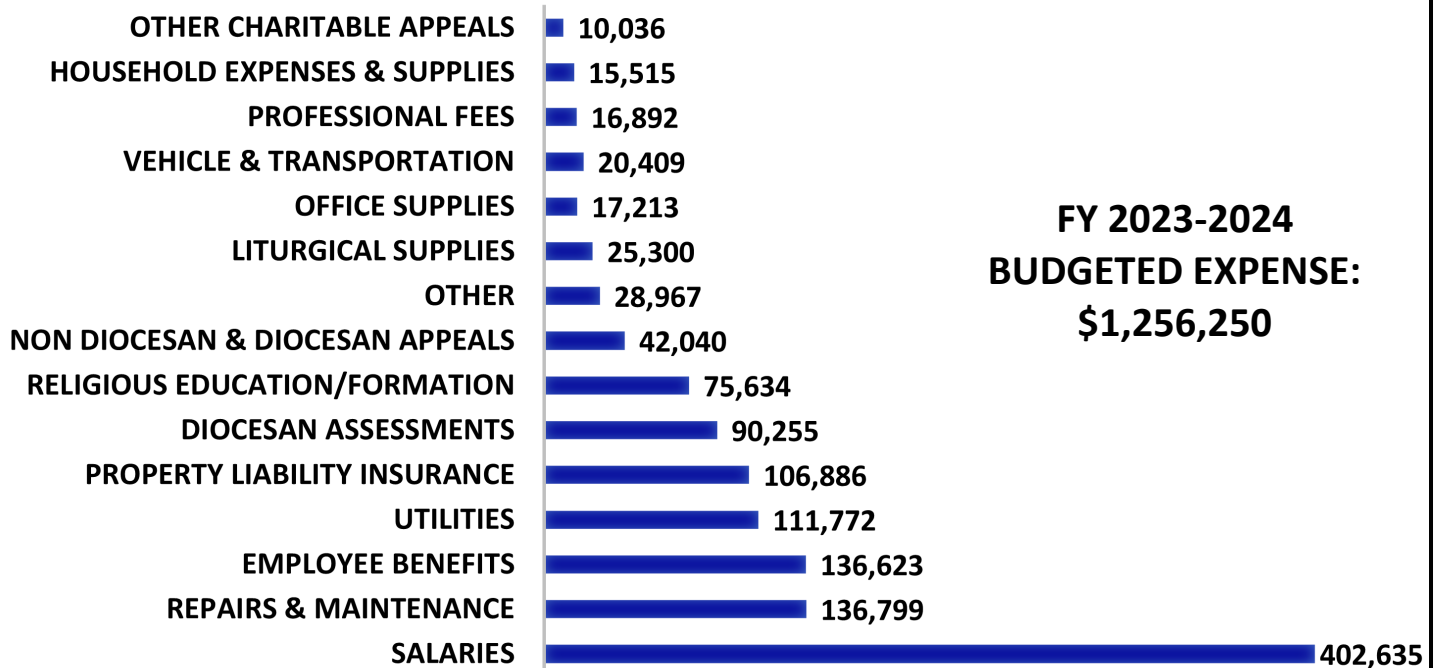


**Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

**TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,245,765**



**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,236,976**



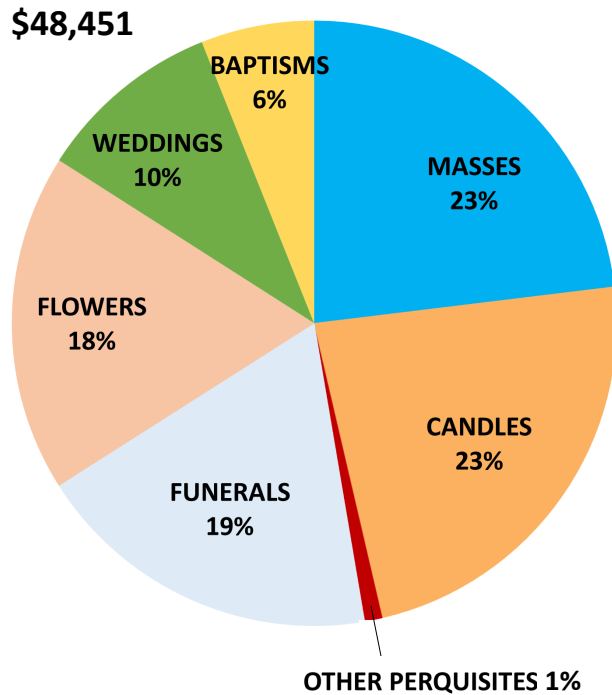
Our total REVENUE for the fiscal year 2023-2024 was below what was budgeted by \$10,485.  
Total EXPENSES were also below what was budgeted for the fiscal year by \$19,274.

**\$1,245,765 REVENUE - \$1,236,976 EXPENSES = \$8,789**

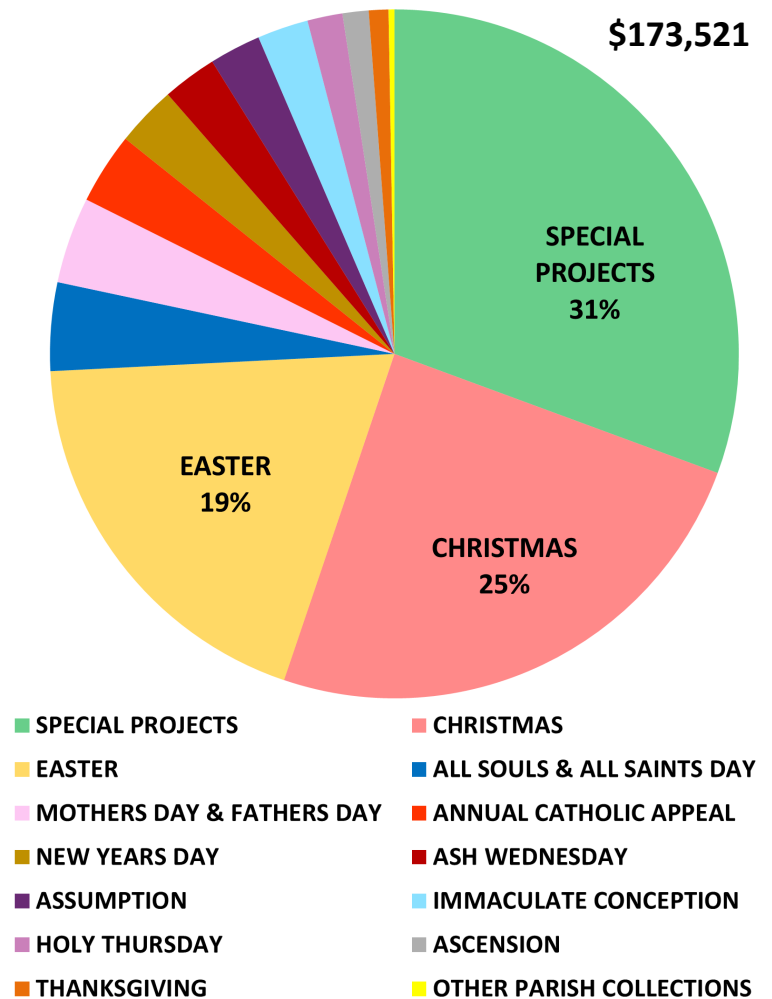
**The Fiscal Year ended \$8,789 in EXCESS OF REVENUE over EXPENSES.**

*Each year, we prepare a parish budget reviewed by our accountant and approved by our pastor, trustees and finance council. In the parish's FY 2023-2024 budget plan, approximately \$24,158.65 per week was allocated to cover parish expenses. Some weeks we were below that target number and some weeks we are over. This fluctuation is based on many factors but primarily due dates on invoices.*

## OTHER REVENUE / PERQUISITES BREAKDOWN



## OTHER COLLECTIONS BREAKDOWN



## Fundraising Accounting

<b>POCKETBOOK BINGO</b> <i>Bingo, 50/50, &amp; Basket Auction</i>	\$33,752.00
<b>SOCIAL DINNERS:</b> <i>Winter Wonderland Dance, Fish &amp; Chips Dinner, &amp; Beefsteak Dinner</i>	\$2,578.00
<b>LIGHT THE WAY</b>	\$530.00
<b>GIVING TUESDAY</b>	\$12,350.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDRAISING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$49,210.00</b>

## Special Projects Accounting

<b>Project 1</b>	Upgrades to Wifi & Office Spaces to increase Productivity & Connectivity	\$18,536.00
<b>Project 2</b>	Viper Venom 20" 175 RPM Low Speed floor buffer & repair of floor waxer	\$1,156.30
<b>Project 3</b>	Replacement and upgrade of Church Camera for Mass Viewing in Narthex	\$2,567.00
<b>Project 4</b>	Garage Opener priest residence	\$1,649.00
<b>Project 5</b>	Backflow valve repair	\$754.00
<b>Project 6</b>	Roof Repair Parish Center side entrance	covered by donor
<b>Project 7</b>	Church Sound System	\$23,650.00
<b>Project 8</b>	Masonry Repairs to Parish Center	\$4,818.70
Fiscal Year 2023-2024	<b>Special Projects Collection \$53,131</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	\$53,131.00

## Notable Mention:

- Our parish campus hosted Friends of NJ Transportation Heritage Center Bus Festival on Sept 16, 2023
- Bishop David O'Connell celebrated the concluding Simbang Gabi Mass on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 12:00PM and Confirmation Masses on May 21, 2024
- The winner of the 2022/2023 Christmas Artwork Contest of the Missionary Childhood Association was our very own Marleya Kaufmann
- St Veronica Parish was the recipient of Interfaith Neighbors 2024 Meals on Wheels Community Champion Award for our support of Monmouth County senior citizens





First Holy Communion



Confirmation

Scrutinies

## Sacraments

	2023	2022	2021
Baptism	37	73	57
First Holy Communion	56	93	52
Confirmation	55	75	77
Marriages	4	11	6
Convalidations	2	4	5
Funerals	37	41	38
Anointing of the Sick	60	60	37

## RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

	2023	2022	2021
Catechumens	4	8	4
Non-Catholic Candidtates	5	0	1
Catholic Candidates	0	0	2

## Religious Education Program

RCIT - Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens = 8

RCIC - Rite of Christian Initiation for Children = 9

	2023	2022	2021
Number of Families in RE Program	258	284	298
Number of children in RE	377	402	435
Number of families who home school for RE	1	110	63
Number of children in home school RE	1	115	86
Number of Catechists	34	33	31
Number of aides	11	11	14

## Opportunities for Worship, Formation & Prayer at the Parish

**Communal Morning Prayer**, First Friday Masses for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, **1st Saturdays Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary** & the Rosary, **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**, Miraculous Medal Novena Prayer & Rosary (Mondays), **Legion of Mary** (adults and juniors), retreats, rosary, and processions, **Apostles of the Resurrection**, Men's Prayer Group, **Anointing of the Sick**, Homebound Visits, **Youth Group Meetings**, Parent & Sacramental prep meetings, **Baptism Prep**, Wedding Prep, **Advent Wreath Lighting**, Walking With Purpose Bible Study, **Women of Faith Rooted in Christ**, Prayer Chain Ministry, **Novenas**: Miraculous Medal, All Souls, Simbang Gabi, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, 9 Days for Life and Divine Mercy. Additional Dated events to follow: Mother Mary's Nativity Procession, Rosary, & Fellowship - **Sept 9**, Respect Life Sunday Rosary - **Oct 1**, Blessing of the Animals - **Oct 7**, Catechetical Sunday Blessing - **Oct 15**, Mass for Peace - **Oct 17**, Prayer Service and Rosary for PEACE - **Oct 27**, Mass of Remembrance - **Nov 2**, Blessing of the Advent Wreath, **Dec 4, 11, 18, 24**, Advent 24 hours Eucharistic Adoration - **Dec. 1-2**, Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation - **Dec 1**, RE Advent Confessions - **Dec 4-6**, Simbang Gabi Masses - **Dec 9-17**, Lenten 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross & Confession- **Mar 1-2**, Living Stations of the Cross - **Mar 15**, Lenten Confession - **Mar 16**, Holy Tuesday Exposition, 10 hours Adoration and Confession - **Mar 26**, Outdoor Stations of the Cross - **Mar 29**, Blessing of Easter Food Baskets - **Mar 30**, SONrise Liturgy - **Mar 31**, Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration - **Apr 7**, Sunday Rosary for Mother Mary - **May 5, 12, 19, 26**, Confirmation Retreat - **May 17**, Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit - **May 15-29**, May Crowning & fellowship - **May 25**, Corpus Christi Procession - **June 2**, Thanksgiving Blessing for 2024 High School Graduates - **Jun 22**

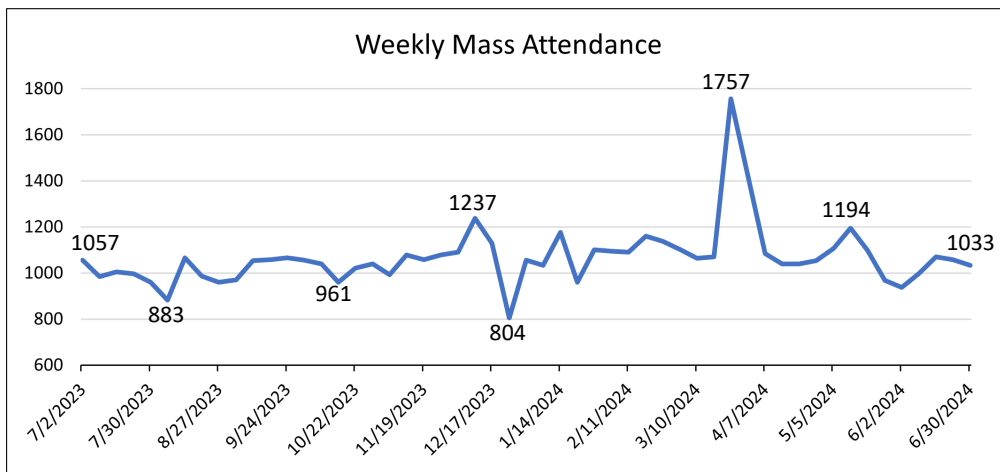


## Community Building Events & Activities

Faith and Family Night Jersey Shore BlueClaws, **Aug 3**, Line Dancing Tutorial - **Aug. 10**, St Veronica Picnic - **Aug. 20**, Line Dancing Tutorial - **Sept 7**, Hospitality Sunday, **Sept 10**, Evening of Recollection for Liturgical Ministers - **Sept 20**, Communion Breakfast - **Oct 7**, Respect Life Ministry Educational Display - **Oct 7-15**, Welcome and Thank you Sunday, **Oct 15**, RE Halloween/Saints Event & Fellowship - **Oct 28**, Day of Recollection: Forgiveness & Mercy - **Nov 4**, Welcome and Thank you Sunday - **Nov 5**, Fall Clean-up - **Nov 18**, Hospitality Sunday, **Dec 3**, Catechist Christmas Appreciation Party - **Dec 3**, Annual Tree Lighting, Christmas Concert Hospitality - **Dec 9**, Advent Parish Mission - **Dec 12-14**, Hospitality Sunday - **Jan 7**, Choir Christmas Party - **Jan 7**, Hospitality Winter Wonderland Adult Social - **Jan 27**, Hospitality Sunday - **Feb 4**, Speaker, & Stations - **Feb 16 & 23**, Hospitality Sunday - **Mar 3**, Lenten Parish Mission - **Mar 4-6**, Soup, Speaker, & Stations - **Mar 8 & 22**, Fish & Chips - **Mar 15**, RE Hospitality Sunday - **Apr 7**, KofC Pancake Breakfast Sunday - **Apr 14**, Pocketbook Bingo & Basket Raffle - **May 2**, Hospitality Sunday - **May 5**, Hospitality Sunday - **Jun 2**, Fr. PJ's Mission Presentation - **Jun 17**, St Timothy Award - **Jun 30**







55,123

Number of people who walked through our doors to celebrate weekend Masses

992

October Count Weekend Mass Attendance

Average weekly Mass Attendance

1060

**October Count stats....** The Diocese of Trenton requires parishes to report average Mass attendance for two weekends in October. This is known as the October Count. After the Covid Pandemic in 2020, 61% of Mass attendees did not return to Mass. Since 2020's Mass Count of zero, average Mass attendance increased in 2021 (678) and 2022 (1034). However, we reported a decrease in 2023 of 4% compared to 2022's October average of 1034.

However, the good news is that our ushers track Mass attendance every weekend which has indicated that our weekly attendance average has increased by 2.5%.

## Social Concerns - Outreach

- **Catholic Charities Backpack, School Supplies Drive**, Aug 12/13
- **Madonna House Diaper Drive**, Oct 21/22
- **KofC - Roses of Life & Pregnancy Center Collection**, Oct 21/22
- **Thanksgiving Food Basket & Gift Certificate Drive**, Nov
- **Christmas Giving Tree**, Nov 25 - Dec 10
- **Christmas Food Basket Collection**, Dec
- **KofC - Coats for Kids**, Dec-Feb
- **Easter Food Basket & Gift Certificate Drive**, Mar/Apr
- **Pocketbook Bingo Raffle Basket Item collection**, Apr

**The Giving Tree** - 743 tags, 42 extra gifts, plus wrapping paper, scotch tape and cash donations for unreturned gifts were collected. Many individuals and families were helped through the following organizations: Catholic Charities Monmouth County, Family Growth, Catholic Charities Ocean County, Freehold Manor, Concord Healthcare, 180 Degrees, Turning Lives Around, Ocean's Harbor House Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program, and our local parishioners and families.



<b>Social Concerns Collections</b>	<b>\$11,843.00</b>
Poor Box Collections	\$5,124.18
Sr Celine Scholarship Fund	\$4,918.82
Pantry	\$1,800.00
<b>Financial Aid &amp; Appeals</b>	<b>\$9,098.41</b>
Utilities & other aid	\$2,998.41
Charitable Appeals	\$4,250.00
Scholarships	\$1,850.00

**The Food Pantry** collected thousands of pounds of food and 123 Supermarket & store gift cards from parishioners. Items were distributed to 591 families and individuals throughout the year. A special thanks to St William the Abbot Parish for the food donations they also provided to our pantry for those in need.

<b>Total families/individuals helped</b>	<b>724</b>
Social Concerns clients for Utilities	10
Food Pantry Assistance	591
RE Scholarships awarded	9
Thanksgiving Baskets & Gift Cards	40
Christmas Baskets & Gift Cards	42
Easter Baskets & Gift Cards	28
Charitable Appeals Organizations	4

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." MT 25:40